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SUBJECT: DHEW/NIH RESEARCH GRANT TO DR. OKADA, 1-R02-CA-17360-01

REF: A. STATE 147087, B. TOKYO 7641

1. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED WITH FONOFF(TANAKA) NCI'S OFFER TO REVISE OKADA'S GRANT FROM \$40,000 TO \$1,000. TANAKA POINTED OUT THAT ANY GRANT TO OKADA WHILE HE IS AT NATIONAL CANCER CENTER INVOLVES THAT SAME ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES. EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR NCI'S THOUGHTFULNESS, TANAKA INQUIRED IF THERE WERE SOME METHOD OTHER THAN THROUGH A CONTACT BY WHICH NCI MIGHT REIMBURSE OKADA FOR EXPENSES INCURRED (SEE PARA 2 BELOW). IF ONE COULD BE FOUND, PERHAPS IT WOULD BE ADMINISTRATIVELY ACCEPTABLE TO GOJ. ALTHOUGH NOTING THAT HE CULD NOT FORMALLY COUNSEL OKADA TO DO SO, TANAKA SUGGESTED INFORMALLY THAT, AS A PRACTICAL WAY TO SECURE GRANT SUPPORT, OKADA SHOULD ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH AN INSTITUTION NOT AFFILIATED WITH GOJ. EMBOFF TOLD TANAKA EMBASSY AWARE OKADA HAS ALREADY BEGIN SUCH ACTION.

2. OKADA RECENTLY ADVISED EMBOFF THAT EXACT EXPENSES INCURRED (PARA 5, REFTEL B) ARE AS FOLLOWS:
SECRETARY (MISS KOTOKO NOGUCHI)
\$4,500 X 28 DAYS/365 DAYS - \$345
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW (DR. JYONG-CHYUL CYONG)
\$6,500 X 28 DAYS/365 DAYS - \$498
TOTAL \$843

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3. ON JULY 8, OKADA SHOWED EMBOFFS PARERS PORPOSING REVISION

OF HIS GRANT TO \$1,000, CONTINGENT ON EMBASSY CLEARANCE. EMBOFF ADVISED OKADA OF OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF A FRESH APPLICATION FROM HIM IF IT RECEIVED IN NIH BY OCTOBER FIRST. OKADA STATED THAT HE IS NOW PROCEEDING TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH KOTASATO INSTITUTE, DISTINGUISHED PRIVATE INSTITUTE WELL KNOWN IN JAPAN FOR WORK IN BACTERIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY, FOR JUST THIS PURPOSE.

4. OKADA ADDED THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM A FRIEND IN BETHESDA AREA WHO HAD MADE INQUIRIES ON HIS BEHALF THAT APPARENT BAR ON TRANSFER OF GRANTS FROM ONE FOREIGN INSTITUTION TO ANOTHER (PARA 3, REFTEL B) MIGHT BE WAIVED IN HIS CASE BECAUSE OF INTEREST IN HIS WORK. EMBOFFS MADE NO COMMENT TO OKADA OTHER THAN TO SUGGEST THAT HE WRITE DIRECTLY TO BUSCHER IN NCI TO INQUIRE.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: IN VIEW OF BASIC NATURE OF USG-GOJ ADMINISTRATIVE CONFLICT AND OF FACT THAT EMBOFFS DO NOT HAVE LEGAL BACKGROUND TO DEBATE POINTS RAISED IN 1970, EMBASSY SEES NO PROSPECTS FOR SOLUTION OF CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE IMPASSE. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR CLEARANCE OF NIH GRANTS WHEN RECEIVED AND TO NOTIFY DEPARTMENT ON TIMELY BASIS WHEN IT FINDS THAT INSTITUTIONS AFFILIATED WITH GOJ ARE LISTED AS APPLICANT ORGANIZATIONS. EMBASSY NOTES THAT OKADA'S ORIGINAL APPLICATION (NIH FORM 398, DATED 5/23/74) GAVE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT" IN BOX 11. END COMMENT.
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